

MALONE CAMPBELL ROAD FACILITY, TEXAS CITY, GALVESTON COUNTY, TEXAS

Week ending 09/23/2015

On July 6, 2015 FOSC Zehner initiated an emergency pump down of contaminated storm at the facility which was authorized by the R6 Superfund Division Director. The initiation of emergency actions were necessary to abate the imminent and substantial threat of discharge of several hundred thousand gallons of contaminated storm water located on the Site from several multi-inch rainfalls associated with Tropical Storm Bill and other sub-tropical weather fronts that had impacted the Site during May and June of 2015. On-site disposal well WDW-138 began operations on 07/06/15. The FOSC also authorized the operation of the additional on-site injection well WDW-73. A "start-up" test was initiated on WDW-73 on July 14 to bring that well online; however, WDW-73 continues to encounter mechanical difficulties, leaving only WDW-138 to manage stormwater. An annual mandatory Mechanical Integrity Test is required for WDW-138. Considering that the WDW-138 is the only operable well, the recent heavy rains, and the potential affects from Hurricane Danny, a MIT was conducted on WDW-138 on August 20 to maintain that well to address any potential releases. No stormwater was injected last week; that water was held to eventually test WDW-73 injectivity. Recent rains have increased the total stormwater volume onsite, which requires injection through WDW-138.

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